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நாமினேஷன் ஸ்குருட்டினி செய்ததும் யார் காண்டிடேட்டோ அவர்கள் துப்பாக்கிகளை போலீசில் சரண்டர் செய்யும்படி கவர்ன்மெண்ட் சொல்லுமா?

கனம் திரு. பி. கக்கன்: எலக்‌ஷனில் நிற்கிறவர்கள் குடிமக்களுக்குத் தொண்டு செய்வதற்காக வருகிறார்கள். துப்பாக்கியால் சுடுவதற்காக வரவில்லை. அப்படி ஏதாவது இருந்தால் அது அரசாங்கத்தின் கவனத்திற்கு வரும்போது தக்க நடவடிக்கை எடுப்பார்கள்.

டாக்டர் ஏ. சீனிவாசன்: அனேக பெரிய மனிதர்கள் இருக்கிறார்கள். போலீசில் சலுகை இருக்கிறது. என்னைப்போல இருப்பவர்கள் மீதுதான் ஆக்‌ஷன் எடுப்பார்கள். ஆகையால் காண்டிடேட் நாமினேஷன் பைல் செய்து ஸ்க்ரூட்டினி ஆனவுடன் போலீசில் துப்பாக்கிகளை சரண்டர் பண்ணுமாறு செய்தால் ஜனங்களுக்கு சௌகரியமாக இருக்கும்.

கனம் திரு. பி. கக்கன்: துப்பாக்கி வைத்துக்கொள்பவர்கள் பணக்காரர்கள் ஏழைகள் என்றில்லை. யார் குற்றம் செய்தாலும் அரசாங்கம் நடவடிக்கை எடுக்கும். கனம் அங்கத்தினர் சொல்வதைப் பரிசீலனை செய்து பார்க்கிறேன்.

திரு. ஆர். வெங்கடாசலம்: துப்பாக்கி லைசன்சு எந்த அடிப்படையில் கொடுக்கப்படுகிறது?

கனம் திரு. பி. கக்கன்: மூன்று காரணங்களை வைத்துத் தான் துப்பாக்கி லைசன்சு கொடுக்கப்படுகிறது.

(1) Applicant's reliability.

(2) His ability to keep the weapon safe from theft or misuse.

(3) His need for such a weapon.

திரு. எம். சுப்பையா செட்டியார்: அரசியல் காரணங்களுக்காக துப்பாக்கி லைசன்சு கொடுப்பது மறுக்கப்பட்டதா?

கனம் திரு. பி. கக்கன்: அப்படி மறுக்கப்பட்டதாக என்னிடத்தில் தகவல் இல்லை. அவசியமான காரணங்களுக்காகத்தான் தவிர்க்கப்பட்டிருக்கும்.

Overbridges.

* 175 *Q.*—Sri K. S. ABDUL WAHAB: Will the Hon. the Minister for Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether there is any proposal to construct overbridges at railway level crossings in Tiruchirappalli town; and

(*b*) if so, the stage at which the matter now stands?

THE HON. SRI V. RAMAIAH (*a*) & (*b*): Consideration of proposals for the construction of overbridges at the existing level crossings at mile 197/6 of the Grand Southern Trunk Road, south of

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Palakarai Railway Station and at Hebar Road, north of Palakarai Railway Station in Tiruchirappalli town 1,025 feet from mile 197/2 of the Grand Southern Trunk Road has been deferred along with twelve other similar schemes within Municipal limits outside the City of Madras in view of the National Emergency.

SRI K. S. ABDUL WAHAB : May I know the year when it was first initiated?

THE HON. SRI V. RAMAIAH : No schemes have been taken up.

SRI K. S. ABDUL WAHAB : Was it not included in the Third Five-Year Plan?

THE HON. SRI V. RAMAIAH : We wanted to take it up. The preliminary work has been done, but we could not proceed with it because of the National Emergency?

SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHY : Is there any proposal to construct an overbridge between Tiruvanaikoil and Srirangam at the level crossing?

THE HON. SRI V. RAMAIAH : A separate question may be put.

SRI M. RAJAH IYER : May I know the cost of the overbridge which is borne between the centre and the State and whether the Centre is prepared to pay the cost of the overbridge if we bear the cost of the approach roads?

THE HON. SRI V. RAMAIAH : The Centre at present is prepared to bear the cost of the bridge across the railway line. We will have to bear the cost of the approach roads.

SRI M. RAJAH IYER : Will not the Government consider the possibility of constructing more overbridges inasmuch as the cost of construction of the overbridge is borne by the Centre?

THE HON. SRI V. RAMAIAH : In practice we find the construction of the bridge over the railway line is cheaper than the approach roads. We bear all that in mind and whenever funds permit, we do go in.

SRI M. RAJAH IYER : If only we can find the necessary funds for the construction of the approach roads, all the unmanned level crossings would be eliminated.

THE HON. SRI V. RAMAIAH : It is a question of finance.

SRI S. K. SAMBANDHAN : As the cost of constructing the approach roads is higher than that of the overbridges, will this Government represent to the Government of India and try to get more aid for the construction of these overbridges?

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THE HON. SRI V. RAMAIAH : We are not approaching the Government of India on that line. But now we have taken up with the Government of India the matter of getting the cost paid by the Government of India of all roads which are classified as National Highways.

SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHY : Is it a fact that a sub-way costs less than an overbridge?

THE HON. SRI V. RAMAIAH : No.

SRI M. SUBBIAH CHETTIAR : As there are great delays in traffic at the level crossings, in spite of the Emergency, will the Government reconsider their attitude and see that these bridges are constructed immediately?

THE HON. SRI V. RAMAIAH : It may not be possible for us to construct immediately, but we are considering all aspects and also the resources available. Whenever funds permit, we do go in. We do not put a complete stop to the construction of roads.

SRI V. K. RAMASWAMI MUDALIAR : May I know how much money had been spent on these bridges before the decision to stop was taken?

THE HON. SRI V. RAMAIAH : We have not taken up these projects yet.

SRI K. S. ABDUL WAHAB : Was this overbridge included in the Second Five-Year Plan and was it not carried out because some influential persons and shop-keepers were affected in Tiruchirappalli?

THE HON. SRI V. RAMAIAH : I have no information on that.

Village Officers

* 176 *Q*.—SRI S. K. SAMBANDHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether any representation has been received recently from the village officers for the payment of their remuneration without delay and to increase their remuneration; and 2–30 p.m.

(*b*) if so, the action taken or proposed to be taken thereon?

THE HON. SRI V. RAMAIAH : (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) The matter is being examined by the Government.

SRI S. K. SAMBANDHAN : Have representations also been made in regard to delay in the payment of remuneration and, if so, when are Government likely to decide about these matters?

THE HON. SRI V. RAMAIAH : Sir, they have made a number of representations and they are all under examination of the Government. As far as delay is concerned, I do not think there could be any undue delay in that. If the hon. Member puts a separate question on this particular aspect of the matter, I will look into the matter and tell him the real position.